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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: CELLULOSE ETHERS AND METHOD OF  
PREPARING THE SAME

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Examiner: E. N. White

**RESPONSE**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2006, kindly consider the following remarks which begin on page 2 of this paper.